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Important information from the CE



COVID-19 UPDATE 64: Thursday, 14 May 2020 3:45pm

Dear Staff

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep you updated, here is the latest information on confirmed COVID-19 cases across the District.

According to our latest situation report, the total number of confirmed COVID cases in Hunter New England remains at 279.

Age	Female	Male	Total
0-9	1	1	2
10-19	9	4	13
20-29	31	19	50
30-39	17	17	34
40-49	8	8	16
50-59	28	17	45
60-69	34	21	55
70-79	24	22	46
80-89	10	8	18
90-100	0	0	0
Total	162	117	279

Overseas travel	209
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Interstate acquired	6
Locally Acquired (within Australia), contact with a confirmed case	37
Locally Acquired (within Australia), no contact identified	27
Total	279

I am pleased to say there are no longer any patients receiving care for COVID-19 in our hospitals.

Currently three patients are receiving care from Hospital in the Home services.

Across the District, 268 people have completed isolation requirements.

You may observe that the data provided in the staff update can differ slightly from the information released publically to the media and via our Facebook page. This is because the public data is reported at a particular point in time and aligned with the release of the NSW Ministry of Health state wide data on their website. Case numbers can also change as they undergo further investigation and review.

Training for PPE fit testing

I am pleased to advise that next week, we will be progressing with fit testing throughout the District, as we commence training our first 20 PPE 'fit-test' trainers.

These trainers will not only coach other 'fit-testers', but will also perform fit testing for our staff who wear P2/N95 masks.

A short term plan will be developed for fit testing during COVID-19, as well as a long term strategic direction so all staff can eventually be tested. I hope to have more information regarding this in coming weeks.

As we continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety of our staff remains paramount. This is an exciting development for the District, and will empower all staff to effectively fit check themselves.

PPE supply update

I am pleased to advise that currently, we are appropriately stocked with all lines of PPE.

This week we saw the last of our confirmed COVID-19 cases discharged from hospital and combined with the responsible use of PPE we are seeing, our stock numbers remain promising.

The District will continue to meet bi-weekly with the Ministry of Health regarding PPE, and adequate supply remains of the utmost importance.

I thank you all for using PPE appropriately and encourage you all to continue doing so, to ensure stocks remain available should case numbers increase. A [fact sheet](#) has been

developed to guide you through this process.

Your safety is our focus, and I will continue to bring you updates on PPE as the situation develops.

Stay updated

Stay up to date with our latest developments via the [HNE Health Facebook page](#) and the [HNE Health YouTube channel](#), as well as [Patientinfo.org.au](#).

This information can be shared with your networks, families and friends to help us spread these important messages to our wider communities.

Clinician-specific information related to COVID-19 is available at [COVID-19 Clinical Guidelines](#).

To view information on COVID-19 and other conditions, which is available to the primary care sector through collaboration with the HNECCPHN, please visit [HNE Community HealthPathways](#).

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[Kind regards](#)

Michael DiRienzo

Chief Executive | **Hunter New England Local Health District**

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